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SUBJ: APRIL 25 IN THE AZORES

1 APRIL 25 WAS CELEBRATED IN THE AZORES WITH A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDED BY THE MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTER READ A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EANES WHICH MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THE AUTONOMY CONSECRATED IN THE CONSTITUTION MUST BE ASSUMED WITH COURAGE B) THE NATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF INSULARITY AND MUST IN A FEW YEARS OVER COME THE NEGLECT OF DECADES C) NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE THE TASK OF SPURRING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND D) THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS MUST ASSUME THEIR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DENOUE THE OBJECTIVES AND THE METHODS OF SEPARATISTS.

2. THE PCP MARKED APRIL 25 BY OPENNING A WORKERS CENTER IN HORTA STAFFED BY ABOUT TEN FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES. THIS IS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST COMMUNIST OFFICE OPENED IN THE AZORES SINCE THE PCP HEADQUARTERS WERE BURNED AND THE LEADERS DRIVEN OUT OF THE ISLANDS IN AUGUST 1975.

3. ANOTHER MINI BOMB: A VERY SMALL BOMB EXPLODED THE NIGHT OF MAY 2 IN PONTA DELGADA NER A MILITARY WAREHOUSE, BUT CAUSED NOPERSONAL OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. AS USUAL, NO ONE CLAIMED

RESPONSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT: EANES' S MESSAGE TO THE AZORES WITH ITS COMMITMENT TO AUTONOMY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS A DUTY TO MAKE UP FOR THE NEGLECT OF THE OLD REGIME HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWING PUBLIC PERCEPTION HERE THAT IN THE PRESIDENT THE AZORES HAS A DEFENDER IN LISBON. EANES, AS COULD BE EXPECTED, WAS TOUGH ON THE SEPARATISTS WHOM HE ACCUSED OF SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN PRIVILEGED POSITION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MAJORITY. PFEIFLE

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